

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A method of making an imaged thermoplastic film, comprising the steps of:

providing a thermoplastic film;

providing a foraminous surface;

unwinding said thermoplastic film;

advancing said film onto said foraminous surface;

impinging said film with hydraulic pressure so as to impart an image into said film; and

drying said imaged thermoplastic film, wherein said drying process comprises the use of a frequency range of electro-magnetic radiation that preserves said image imparted into said film.

2. A method of making an imaged thermoplastic film as in claim 1, wherein said foraminous surface is a three-dimensional image transfer device.

3. A method of making an imaged thermoplastic film as in claim 1, wherein said frequency range is provided by microwaves.

4. A method of making an imaged thermoplastic film, comprising the steps of:

providing a thermoplastic polymeric melt;

providing a support layer;

providing a foraminous surface;

extruding said polymeric melt directly onto said support layer so as to form a laminate;

advancing said film laminate onto said foraminous surface;

impinging said film laminate with hydraulic pressure to impart an image into said film laminate; and

drying said imaged thermoplastic film, wherein said drying process comprises the use of a frequency range of electro-magnetic radiation that preserves said image imparted into said film.